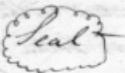


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ination, addressed, "For the Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, Annapolis. Upon opening it, it was found to contain 34 certificates, each of which was in the following language, vizt: —

"I subscribe to an Act of Congress, approved the First of March 1792 Chapter 109, and a Supplement thereto, approved March 26th. 1804, chapter 403, I do here by certify that David Hoffman, John Lewis, Rev. Theodore R. Loucks, Jacob A. Preston, John P. Kennedy, George Howard, Richard J. Bowie, James M. Coale, William T. Wootton, and Thomas A. Spender were duly elected Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, for the State of Maryland, at the election held on the Second day of November 1840.



Given under my Hand, and the great Seal
of the State of Maryland, this 2nd. day
of December 1840

By the Governor

J. Murray, Sec'y of State."

Wm. Gleason

Treasurer of Maryland.

* Note by the Secretary. The Constitution of every State is required to furnish three certificates of the names of the Electors. (Act of Congress 1792 Chap. 109. Sec. 3.) The Act of Congress of 1804 Chapter 403 Sec. 2. directs the Elector, to be chosen at the election next succeeding the passage of the Act, or assembling in the respective States to cast their ballots for President and Vice President, unless they should have received a transcript of the notification of the ratification of the amendment of the Constitution, (now Article 12,) relating to the mode of electing the President and Vice President of the United States, or, unless they should meet more than five days subsequent to the publication of the said ratification, to vote for two persons as President and Vice President, in conformity with the 1st. Sect. of the 2nd. Art. of the Constitution, then in force; and likewise, to vote for one person as President, and for one person as Vice President, in conformity with the proposed amendment of the Constitution (now Article 12.) This provision was deemed necessary to avoid the possibility of any State being deprived of its vote at that election, because of its Electors not being apprised of the ratification of the proposed amendment.

The 3rd. Sect. of the Act of 1804 Chapter 403 provides that, if it should become the duty of Electors of any State to vote in conformity with the directions above recited in such case and in such only, the year preceding the election of such State, should cause by lists of the names of the Electors to be made and certified, and delivered to the Electors, because